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SUBJECT: US WINE EXPORTS/BELGIAN CUSTOMS

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1. OFFICIALS OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTRY HAVE AGREED TO RELEASE SUBJECT WINE FROM CUSTOMS WITHOUT REQUIRING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION. THEY SUGGEST THAT CONSIGNEE, BELVILLE ISRAEL HOUSE, ANTWERP, CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY. WE HAVE PASSED THIS SUGGESTION TO BELVILLE.

2. SOME CONFUSION STILL REMAINS AS TO HOW THE BELGIANS PROPOSE TO TREAT WINE SHIPMENTS FROM THE USA IN ONE-GALLON CONTAINERS BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER 1. THE BELGIAN OFFICIALS WE SPOKE TO CONSULTED THE EC COMMISSION AND LEARNED THAT A NEW EC REGULATION TO BECOME EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1 WILL LIBERALIZE CUSTOMS TREATMENT OF US WINE IMPORTED BY THE COMMON MARKET. WE THEREFORE THINK IT WISER NOT TO PURSUE THE POINT OF PRINCIPLE AT THE PRESENT TIME, BUT TO TAKE IT UP AGAIN IF NECESSARY AFTER REVISED REGULATIONS HAVE GONE INTO EFFECT.

3. FYI. THE BELGIAN AUTHORITIES AGREED TO RELEASE THE WINE IN THE PRESENT CASE TO BELVILLE WITH CONSIDERABLE RELUCTANCE.

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THE IMPORTER APPARENTLY HAS A LONG HISTORY OF REQUESTS FOR

DEROGATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FROM ESTABLISHED CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.
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